Red's Vindication

Stalin Great Leader

LONDON (UPI) — A Top Soviet Communist says Josef Stalin was "one of the outstanding leaders in Soviet history."

The appraisal of the dead dictator, whom Nikita Khrushchev called a brutal tyrant three years ago, was made by Prof. B. Ponamorov, who is visiting Britain with Mikhail Suslov and a delegation of Soviet parliament members.

Suslov publicly ducked an invitation to give a valid judgment of Stalin at a question-and-answer meeting with members of the foreign press association.

STEPPED INTO BREACH

Ponamorov, a member of the central committee of the Soviet Communist party and of the board of Kommunist, the party's ideological publication, stepped into the breach.

Stalin had a large role in solving postwar problems and in industrialization and agricultural collectivization of the nation, Ponamorov said.

COMMITTED ERRORS

"In the process, Stalin committed some errors but they cannot influence the nature of our socialist state," he said. "That's why the Soviet people recognize the outstanding role of Stalin, and he stands as one of the outstanding leaders in the history of the Soviet Union."

It was near-vindication of Stalin and probably the strongest pro-Stalin statement delivered by a Soviet leader publicly since Khrushchev's denunciation at the 1956 party congress.

Abandoned Children Hide Cares

Hiding their cares behind a song are 10 children of Alonzo Williams' family who were found by police abandoned in a Chicago apartment. Their plight attracted widespread attention last year when their mother died of complications in delivery of her 22nd and 23rd children. Father is in jail on morals charge. Older sister promised to look after youngsters but left her husband and youngsters after fight. —(AP Photofax)

Mountbatten at War with Politicians

Defence Crisis Looms in U.K.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Canadians may have been too preoccupied with the Avro Arrow, the Bomarc and other North American problems to realize that a first-class defence crisis is developing in Britain.

It will come to a head later this spring when the strong-willed Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten becomes chairman of Britain's joint chiefs of staff.

Always a man to fight hard for his beliefs, Mountbatten is expected to use his prestige and all the arguments he can muster in a fight to reverse the most important defence policy followed by Britain for the past 10 years.

DETERMINED TO JUNK

According to Alastair Buchan and other well-known British journalists, Lord Mountbatten is determined to junk Britain's present policy of having her own nuclear deterrent. He wants to restore the interdependence of American and British defence policies that existed before the tragic adoption of the McMahon Act in 1946 — the law that denied American atomic secrets to Britain and the other allies of the U.S. The law caused the Attlee government and the succeeding Conservative regimes to press ahead with the development of Britain's own atomic and hydrogen bombs.

MISSILES COST MORE

Buchan has written that the British, after finally developing their own H-bombs, learned to their distress what no one had foreseen on either side of the Atlantic—that it would cost far more to develop missiles to deliver the H-bomb than the already costly project of developing the bomb.

In fact, the cost loomed so great that it began to be questioned whether Britain ever could deliver the bomb or whether British possession of nuclear weapons and a means to deliver them was desirable.

Many Britons, including the Macmillan government, answered this question with a resounding "yes," by saying Britain no longer could depend on the nuclear deterrent of the United States, but must have its own.

This argument, first advanced by Defence Minister Duncan Sandys in 1957, grew partly out of resentment at American failure to back Britain and France in the Suez adventure.

Critics argue that the British separate nuclear deterrent just isn't worth while and Britain must return to interdependence with the United States.

Politically, they argue that because Britain is such a small crowded country, so utterly vulnerable to Russian attack, a British government probably would be even more reluctant than an American government to use nuclear weapons to defend an ally on the continent of Europe.

Militarily, these critics argue, Britain's nuclear deterrent simply isn't powerful enough to impress the Russians.

Highlanders' Indoor Fling

Building Rocks To Scotch Reels

It was a Scotch broth with real body to it.

Nearly 100 kilted, tartaned, beribboned, bonneted, bagpiped bodies, in fact.

Occasion was the sixth annual indoor competition of Highland dancing and piping, sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association in Britannia auditorium.

REEL, SQUEAL

They reeled and squealed and heeled and toed from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. until the whole Legion building at Blanshard and Cormorant shook to the Scottish airs.

Victoria talent made up the bulk of the competitors, but there were some outstanding out-of-towners, too.

Upholding the honor of the local Scots were Angus Stanfield, who won the piping aggregate, under 16, and Trudy Conrad, who won the dancing aggregate, under 11.

OTHER WINNERS

Other aggregate winners were Linda May Holmes, Nanaimo, dancing, under 9; Nancy Wilson, North Vancouver, dancing, under 13; Gloria Russel, Tacoma, dancing, under 16.

RESULTS

Novice Highland fling, under 13 years—1. Dorothy Best; 2. Linda Knight; 3. Nancy Mason.

Highland fling, under 7—1. Barbara Munro; 2. Lynne Fox; 3. Jane Robertson (Duncan).

Highland fling, under 9—1. Linda May Holmes (Nanaimo); 2. Cathy Munro, 3. Susan Graham.

Sword dance, under 9—1. Linda May Holmes; 2. Daniel Costaine; 3. Cathy Munro.

Aggregate, under 9 — Linda May Holmes.

Sword dance, under 11 — 1. Trudy Conrad; 2. Belinda McIntyre; 3. Gloria L. Smith.

Irish jig, under 11 — 1. Gloria L. Smith; 2. Trudy Conrad; 3. Gordon Dash.

Aggregate, under 11—Trudy Conrad.

Irish jig, under 13—1. Nancy Wilson (North Vancouver); 2. Angus McKenzie; 3. Lola Brown.

Seann Truibhas, under 13—1. Nancy Wilson; 2. Margaret Knight; 3. Angus McKenzie.

Reel O'Tulloch, under 13 — 1. Angus McKenzie; 2. Nancy Wilson; 3. Margaret Knight.

Aggregate, under 16—Nancy Wilson.

Highland fling, boys under 16 — 1. Angus McKenzie; 2. Gordon Dash; 3. Wayne Fielden.

Highland fling, girls under 16 — 1. Gloria Russel; 2. Kathleen McGilvary; 3. Margaret Knight.

Sword dance, under 16—1. Patsy Conrad; 2. Gail Marshall; 3. Anne Noble.

Hornpipe, under 16—1. Sharon Miles (Vancouver); 2. Gloria Russel (Tacoma); 3. Kathy McGilvary (Portland).

Aggregate, under 16—Gloria Russel.

Piping, amateur, marches, under 16—1. Angus Stanfield; 2. Lona Donaldson; 3. Kathleen McGilvary.

Piping, amateur, strathspeys and reels, under 16—1. Angus Stanfield; 2. Lona Donaldson; 3. Kathleen McGilvary.

Piping, amateur, marches, open—1. Jamie Troy; 2. Jack McGilvary (Portland).

Piping, amateur, open, strathspeys and reels—1. Jamie Troy; 2. Jock McGilvary.

Melee in London

Brawlers Halt African Meeting

LONDON (CP)—A meeting supporting African nationalism broke up a fist-swinging brawl Friday night near the Houses of Parliament.

Firecrackers exploded, whistles sounded and banners were displayed saying "Keep Britain White."

A Negro speaker, referring to reports of a plot in Nyasaland to kill Europeans, said: "It is not Africans who are killing Europeans. It is the Europeans who are killing Africans."

The speaker was Kenyaama Chiume, member of the Nyasaland legislature. The banners "Keep Britain White" and "Hang Chiume for Sedition" were unfurled as he stood up to speak.

Two prominent Labor MPs, Fenner Brockway and Barbara Castle, appealed vainly for order as stewards struggled with demonstrators. Two stewards were injured.

The stewards ripped banners from the hands of the demonstrators who shouted "White niggers" as they were ejected. Police were called to restore order.

In Edinburgh, Lord Home, secretary of state for Commonwealth relations, announced that details of the plot will be disclosed soon to Parliament.

In London, Joshuea Nkomo, the president of the Southern Rhodesia African National Congress, called the plot "a very cunning frameup."

First Peep His Last

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — Two groundhogs emerged to greet spring near here Saturday after staying underground since groundhog day, Feb. 2. A hunter immediately shot one.

Youth's Death as Guinea Pig 'Not Binge, But for Science'

REDLANDS, Calif. (UPI)—A college boy admitted at a hearing into the death of a brilliant chemistry student that they used each other as guinea pigs in experiments with vision-inducing drugs.

"But this was not done for kicks or for a binge," David Dunning, 18, a sophomore pschology student at Redlands University, told a board investigating the death of 18-year-old Michael Hawks.

"You'll see from the notebooks and tape records how painstaking our record of the experiments really was," he said.

Young Hawks was discovered unconscious in his dormitory room and died without regaining his senses. Deputy Coroner Edward Doyle said after an autopsy that the boy died of chloral hydrate intoxication.

The drug is a very powerful sedative. Large quantities of it were found in Hawks' room. The boy had been under intoxication from the drug for several hours prior to death, the coroner said.

Dunning said they had been experimenting with the drug and several other varieties since just before Christmas vacation last year.

The student said the chemicals were stolen from the chemistry laboratory and seven other students took them. The students who also took the chemicals told authorities they produced hallucinations, bright colors, double images and 'hidden feelings."

Hawks left in a notebook the statement that the experiments caused him to have dreams of "geometric objects and resplendent landscapes of indescribable beauty."

"I guess I understand, now, that we were just too young."

Oscar Fete

Cleavage Banned

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Producer Jerry Wald assures that this year's Oscar festival will have something for everybody, except possibly devotees of low-cut gowns.

"No cleavage this year," he announced. "Before I started planning the show, I asked to see all the criticisms from the press and public of last year's affair. One of the complaints was that there were too many decollete gowns."

"Edith Head, the designer, is co-ordinating this detail. She'll stand by with strips of tulle to add to gowns that show too much."

Hollywood will be putting its best foot forward, anyway.

The April 6 extravaganza—on a Monday night, when theatre audiences are slack—will be beamed through the U.S. by NBC-TV and shown later in 17 other countries. A hundred stars have donated their services.

Borneo Feasts Too Costly

Only Well-Heeled Could Get a Head

BAWANG ASSAM, Sarawak (AP)—"Yes, it's just as well head-hunting was abolished—it cost too much to hold a feast every time a head was brought in," said the tattooed old chief.

He was wrinkled, 73-year-old Penghulu Nanta Anak Itar, chief of this district of Sea Dyaks, or Ibans, better known in earlier days as the head-hunters of Borneo. They now are a peaceful farming people, except for a brief flare-up of head-hunting against Japanese soldiers at the end of the Second World War.

"Most of us are Christians now — Methodists," the chief said.

"I'll give you four reasons we used to take heads—first, to show bravery in war; second, because whenever anybody took a head there was a special feast and much merriment; third, to get the best seat at feasts, which went to the men with the most heads; fourth, to impress the girls."

DANGLING SKULLS

The chief said two dozen smoke-blackened human skulls dangling in baskets from the rafters of his longhouse had been taken by his ancestors more than a century ago and were kept to show visitors.

When the chief was asked about his own exploits, an interpreter replied: "He is ashamed to talk about his own heads, they were so few." The chief added!

KEEP CULTURE

"Of course, head-hunting should not be encouraged, but I feel we must work to perpetuate and strengthen our culture, revive our spirit, songs, music and art of speaking. Our whole structure has been weakened by the missionaries and others who regarded as obscene anything they didn't understand. We had plenty of good things as well as harmful things."

Newfoundland, Macmillan, Smith, Power, Coal

Event-Jammed Week Rocks Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—The capital, accustomed to the hustle and bustle of Canadian affairs, has rarely seen a period so packed with developments as last week.

It included a federal-Newfoundland controversy over a strike, the death of External Affairs Minister Smith, a visit by Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain, new federal subventions on Nova Scotia coal, nad a proposed hydro development scheme for the Columbia River costing nearly $1,000,000,000.

Early last Monday it was reported that the federal government would not disallow provincial legislation outlawing the International Woodworkers of America in Newfoundland.

About two hours later it was disclosed that Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of the RCMP had resigned in a difference with Justice Minister Fulton over the question of reinforcements for the RCMP in the island province. He thought they should be sent; the government didn't.

During Monday's debate in the Commons Opposition Leader Pearson indicated that he doesn't agree entirely with the Newfoundland procedure and legislation to decertify the IWA.

His statement brought immediate reaction from the five Liberal MPs from Newfoundland, including J. W. Pickersgill, member for Bonavista-Twillingate and former Liberal immigration minister. They said they fully supported the action taken by Premier Joseph Smallwood's Liberal government.

Mr. Pearson admitted that there is a "difference of opinion" between himself and the five Newfoundland Liberals. However, he said it was a difference of opinion on one issue only and that there was no basic weakening of the party.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said the dispatch of RCMP reinforcements might provoke more violence in a situation "greatly aggravated" by Premier Smallwood intervening "in a labor dispute in a way which apparently goes beyond the usual role of government." Justice Minister Fulton said he thought "the whole situation is a frightful thing."

Conservatives in Newfoundland continued to support the province's Liberal premier, who said he would sue the federal government for breach of contract in refusing to send reinforcements.

Six B.C. Firms Involved In Boston Trade Party

By TOM GREEN
Colonist Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — First formal attempt by the Department of Trade and Commerce at close-to-the-border trade promotion in the U.S. will be undertaken next month with the Boston-New England market as the target.

Products of 135 Canadian firms will be exhibited in the Boston show from April 19 to 25. Six of these firms will be from British Columbia, with the bulk of the firms from Ontario and others from the Maritimes.

Commodities to be shown will range from sporting goods and toys to marine hardware and boats, enamel and silverware to foodstuffs, clothing and aerial navigation equipment to household woodenware and furniture.

The office of the trade commissioner in Boston is sending out invitations and promotion pieces to some 3,500 New England firms.

Trade Minister Churchill and Canadian Ambassador Arnold Heeney will participate in the official ceremonies marking the opening of the fair.

The fair will be the main event in a special "Canada Week" program in Boston. Representatives of a number of government departments will be on hand to provide information about trade, industrial development, immigration, customs and the tourist industry.

The Royal Canadian Navy will give its support to the "Canada Week" observance by sending three of its ships on an official visit to the city.

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